



Newsletter September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start by wishing all of our **leavers a big good luck** and best wishes for their **new journeys into Reception!** We know you will all do fantastically well and it has been a pleasure watching you all grow and develop.

Please don't forget to send us pictures in your uniform!

Once children leave parents should get a notification form Tapestry about downloading their journals so please make sure you download and keep these as they won't be on the system for very long after.

In addition to this, we have had lots of **new children** starting with us and we would like to **welcome them to the nursery.**

We appreciate starting at a new nursery is very daunting so if you have any questions about anything at all please do not hesitate to ask as we are happy to help.

As we are now into the new term we will of course be following the **new EYFS updates.** If you require this information to be sent again or have any questions about the curriculum please do let us know.

Last month we sent out some **parent questionnaires**, thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete these and for your feedback. We feel it is important to gain your views and opinions to help us **develop as a nursery** and to ensure we are **working in partnership** with you.

The majority of the feedback was great however, several parents highlighted that we need to improve on communicating with you about what your child is doing at nursery. We hope that parents will see the improvement from now as we aim to **update Tapestry with lots of more photos of the activities children do** and feel the new EYFS will enable us to spend more time doing this. We also upload a lot more onto social media with photos of activities the children have done but for those parents who are not on social media we will be adding these photos to the monthly newsletters to enable you to see the sort of activities they have done that month.

The other improvement we felt we need to make is ensuring ALL parents are aware of exactly who their child's keyworker is. We appreciate the staff turnover has been higher than we desire in the last 18 months so there has been some inconsistency with key groups however, it is important you know who your child's key worker is so if you do not know please ask Janine or Kirsty and we can ensure we send you out a key person sheet. Furthermore the person who

updates your child's tapestry account will be your child's keyworker.

Please don't forget to send in any "All About Me" sheets that we have sent out.

Dates for your Diaries:

Parents Evening - October 2021

We will be holding parents evening for you to have a ten minute consultation with your child's key worker. This is a time for you to discuss your child's development and what we are working on with them to close any gaps in their development. We will also be able to answer any questions you have around the new EYFS and Tapestry. Due to the current Covid situation we will be holding them over two days and you can have the choice of a face to face appointment or a telephone appointment.

Appointments and dates will be sent out the week commencing the 13th September.

Wednesday 20th October – Nursery Photo Day

Caamkids will be returning to the nursery again this year to take professional photos of the children for you to purchase in time for Christmas.

If you wish to provide your child with a particular outfit for their photo please ensure you let the staff know within the room and label the outfit clearly with your child's name.

If your child does not attend the nursery but you would like to bring them in to have their photo taken please let Janine know and she will provide you with a time slot.

Friday 29th October – Halloween

We will provide the children the opportunity to take part in some Halloween themed activities throughout the day such as, carving and exploring the inside mush of pumpkins, making and exploring green gloop and creating magic potions. Along with, carrying out various arts and crafts the the children will have a party tea and are welcomed to dress up if they wish to.

Wednesday 27th October Training Day

The nursery will be closed for a staff training day therefore, alternative childcare will need to be arranged. Please note that you are NOT charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your fees.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE



Did you know?

There has been some updates on the NHS website about symptoms of teething to now include a mild temperature of 38. Please see the link below for this information. With this update in mind if we are aware a child is teething and they have a mild temperature we will take this into consideration when deciding if a child should be excluded for a PCR test. If your child has other Covid 19 symptoms such as a cough and a mild temperature we will of course continue to send them home or if they are older and have no other symptoms of teething. Our standard policy will stand with regards to us administering calpol even if we feel the temperature I related to teething.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/teething/baby-teething-symptoms/>

Please use the link below to find a list of libraries within Hertfordshire. Libraries are still very much around and offer some fantastic services and obviously Literacy and Reading is key to children's development! Using a library facility enables you to borrow books for FREE of charge and is a lovely experience for children to go and pick some stories. Find your local Library, become a member and take a trip (Don't of course forget to take some photos and upload them to Tapestry so we can discuss it at nursery)
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

Gentle Reminders

Parents are only permitted to park in the car parking bays identified as “**Nursery Set Down Parking**”. These car park spaces should be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children from nursery ONLY and a **valid parent parking permit** should be displayed at all times.

Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open for them. Simply **ask them to enter the codes themselves** or to wait outside, while you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach of our safeguarding, security, and health and safety policy and therefore, we ask for your full co-operation with this. Whilst we appreciate this can put parents in an awkward situation, **the safety and well-being of the children is of paramount importance to us** and we cannot stress how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

We would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child's day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. This also applies to children who attend half sessions and are collected after 1pm or those brought in before 1pm.

As you are aware, charges will be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to have to charge late fees.

A reminder that the nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we ask parents that children do not enter the nursery with any food items to help us ensure we can adhere to this policy at all times. We also kindly ask parents to keep this in mind when giving children breakfast/meals at home before coming to nursery as we do have some children with severe nut allergies. Furthermore

children should **under NO circumstances bring in any food in their bags, all food consumed on the premises by children will be cooked and prepared freshly on site in our kitchen.**

Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness; whilst it is not compulsory for them to attend, as it is private day care, we do have a duty of care to record their absences and it also really helps us with catering for the children and staff ratios.

Please don't forget to check our Instagram and Facebook pages for updates on activities and new resources

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards
Janine, Kirsty and Team.